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Applicants: Zoghbi et al.

Title: Chaperone-Suppression
Of Ataxin-1 Aggregation and
Altered Subcellular Proteasome
Localization Imply Protein
assigned
Misfolding in SCA1

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that a Preliminary Amendment be entered as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, before Line 5, please insert]- This application is a divisional application
which claims priority to nonprovisional U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/321,916, filed May 28,
1999 and provisional U.S. Patent Serial No. 60/087,128, filed May 29, 1998.- -

In the claims:

In this divisional application, please cancel claim 2 and consider under prosecution
heretofore claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and the following new claims:

11. A method of identifying a compound for the treatment of a neurodegenerative
disorder, wherein said compound has chaperone activity, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a compound suspected of having said activity; and

determining whether said compound has said activity.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:

dispersing the compound in a pharmaceutical carrier; and

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